

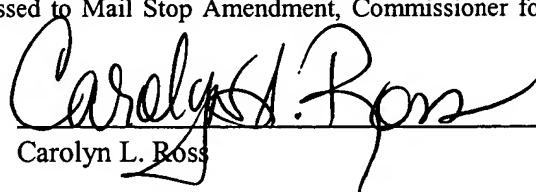


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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated September 8, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.